December 1933, C. 1378/09 and of Diwan's Proceedings dated 5th January 1934, D. Dis. 6446/09, Public Works Department relating to it are appended. (*Vide Appendix II*). (The Deputy Inspector has no control over High Schools).

311. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.— Will the Government be pleased to inform the House how the needs mentioned in Question No. 309 above are now being met?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—

Games and Drill.—Whatever space there is in the school compound is used for the purpose.

Tiffin.—Vacant rooms, if any are utilised.

Latrines.—Managed with temporary latrines now. Land has just been acquired for locating permanent latrines.

Average minimum wages in the State.

312. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question No. 71 dated 1st August 1934, will the Government kindly supply the information they promised in their "Yes" in response to the question "Can the information be given if notice is given"?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The average minimum wage varies with each Taluk.

	Male. Rs.	Female. Rs.	Child. Rs.
Cochin-Kanayannur	0 7 5	0 4 4	0 3 0
Cranganur	0 5 6	0 3 6	—
Mukundapuram	0 5 7	0 3 6	0 2 3
Trichur	0 5 8	0 3 5	0 2 4
Talappalli	0 4 3	0 2 3	0 2 6
Chittur	0 5 0	0 3 0	0 2 3

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I was asking about the actual wages prevalent in the respective factories but a talukwar list is what is given.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I understood it from the question that the Hon'ble Member was asking for the average minimum wages in the State. It was thought that it will be much more accurate and comprehensive to give the figures for each Taluk separately because they vary widely and it will be quite misleading the House if we give the average for the whole State. Therefore, I thought that we will be only answering the question more in detail by furnishing to the House the information separately for the different Taluks.

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Mr. P. S. Kesavan Numbudiri.—May I know Sir whether these are agricultural wages or factory wages ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—These are factory wages.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why no information was given about the agricultural wages ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question was mainly with regard to factory wages.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether the hours of work are uniform in these factories ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No; they are not.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Do the Minimum wages shown here for the different Taluks, represent the whole wages irrespective of the number of hours of work ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I suppose they have taken an average of 8 or 10 hours and struck the figure on that basis.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—About the average hours of work a question was put for this meeting and it has not been answered yet.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I never knew that these two should come together. There is hardly any relation between the two. I do not remember which is the particular question the Hon'ble Member refers to, but I do distinctly remember that a question about the hours of work in the several factories of the State is being answered. I do not think that it has any specific reference to this question.

Ratio of skilled personnel to the number of workers—Increasing of.

313. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to Questions Nos. 74 and 75 dated 1st August 1933, regarding the importance of increasing the ratio of our skilled personnel to the number of our workers in view of the inevitable industrialisation in the country for solving unemployment, will the Government supply the statistics, mentioned in their assurance, "The matter will be considered after obtaining the necessary satistics"?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No statistics are available in the matter.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was not the assurance given during the answer under reference that the matter will be considered after obtaining the necessary statistics ? Now the answer given

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